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Title: BAKEABLE MUFFIN PAN, AND USE THEREOF

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DECLARATION OF MATTHEW W. LORENCE

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

1. My name is Matthew W. Lorence.
2. I am a named inventor on this patent application.
3. Prior to the filing date of the provisional application, from which this utility patent application claims priority, I was shown a muffin pan by a non-employee of Pillsbury Company, the Assignee of this patent application.
4. The pan had 12 batter receptacles, positioned as three rows of four. These 12 receptacles extended below a planar surface of the pan.
5. At the perimeter of the pan, around the entire pan, was a wall that extended above the planar surface of the pan. The height of this wall, to the best of my recollection, was about 1

inch. I did not actually measure the height of this wall, rather, I recall the wall being approximately that height.

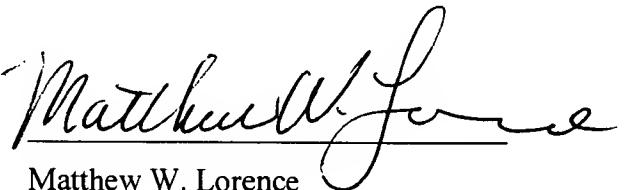
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6. It was my understanding that the pan was made from CPET (crystallized polyethylene terephthalate), a material that can be baked at normal food baking temperatures.

7. It was explained to me by the non-employee of Pillsbury Company that this upwardly extending wall around the perimeter of the pan was provided so that when the pan and resulting baked goods were overwrapped with plastic wrap, the plastic would be supported above the tops of the muffins.

8. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under § 1001 of Title XVIII of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Dated: 2-26-02


Matthew W. Lorence